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HOW DO I BECOME A JUMPING JUDGE?

Thank you for your interest in being an EA accredited Jumping Judge.

State Branches are responsible for the accreditation of officials at Preliminary Level, Level One and Level Two. Applications for EA Level Three officials must be submitted to, and approved by the applicant's State Branch who will forward the approved application to the EA National office and who will facilitate with Equestrian Australia Jumping Committee for final approval.

EA members applying for accreditation as a Jumping Judge must direct their application to their State Branch Jumping Committee.

Please see contact details on the last page of this booklet.

The rules that govern the sport of Jumping are incorporated into the current Equestrian Australia (EA) **National Jumping Rules**. The rulebook may be obtained by the following methods:

Electronic (**free of charge**):

- downloaded from the EA website at www.equestrian.org.au.

Article 259.1 Requirements to be an Accredited Jumping Judge

- Financial members of EA, who are interested in becoming an Official Jumping Judge, must complete and submit an application form detailing their experience and attach two written referrals from higher level judges according to the criteria for promotion and maintenance on the following pages.
- Upon satisfactory completion of the requirements of each level, you will be accredited as a Jumping Judge and added to the National database.
- Accredited Judge benefits include insurance cover at EA events, EA support, Officials badge, qualified mentors, available ongoing education, name and contact details on web search and news. Each Judge will also receive a letter, certificate, and badge from Equestrian Australia verifying their accreditation.
- In order to remain accredited on the National Judges list you must meet set requirements every three years. Further information on this can be found on the EA website and will be sent when accredited as a Judge.

The pathway to becoming a National Jumping Judge is outlined in article 259.1 in the National Jumping Rules:

Preliminary Level	EA and EAJC appointment
• EA Level 1	EA and EAJC appointment
• EA Level 2	EA and EAJC appointment
• EA Level 3	EA and EAJC appointment
• FEI Levels 1-4	Satisfying the criteria determined by EA, EAJC and FEI

To become a Preliminary Jumping Judge, you must:

- be at least 18 years of age
- be a current financial EA member with your State Branch and, if residing in NSW, a current financial member of Jumping NSW.
- complete the Preliminary application form on page 6 and forward to officials@equestrian.org.au

To become an EA Level 1 Judge, you must:

- be at least 18 years of age
- be a current financial EA member with your State Branch and, if residing in NSW, a current financial member of Jumping NSW.
- attend an EA approved Level 1 Jumping Judge course or seminar held over two days in the previous three years
- complete the current Jumping Judge open rule book test with a pass mark of at least 85%
- complete the online [ASC Community Officiating Essential Skills Course](#)
- endorsed by two EA Judges Level 2 or higher with two attached written references
- meet the practical experience requirements outlined in Accreditation Requirements Chart
- submit the appropriate application and Record of Experiences forms in this booklet to officials@equestrian.org.au

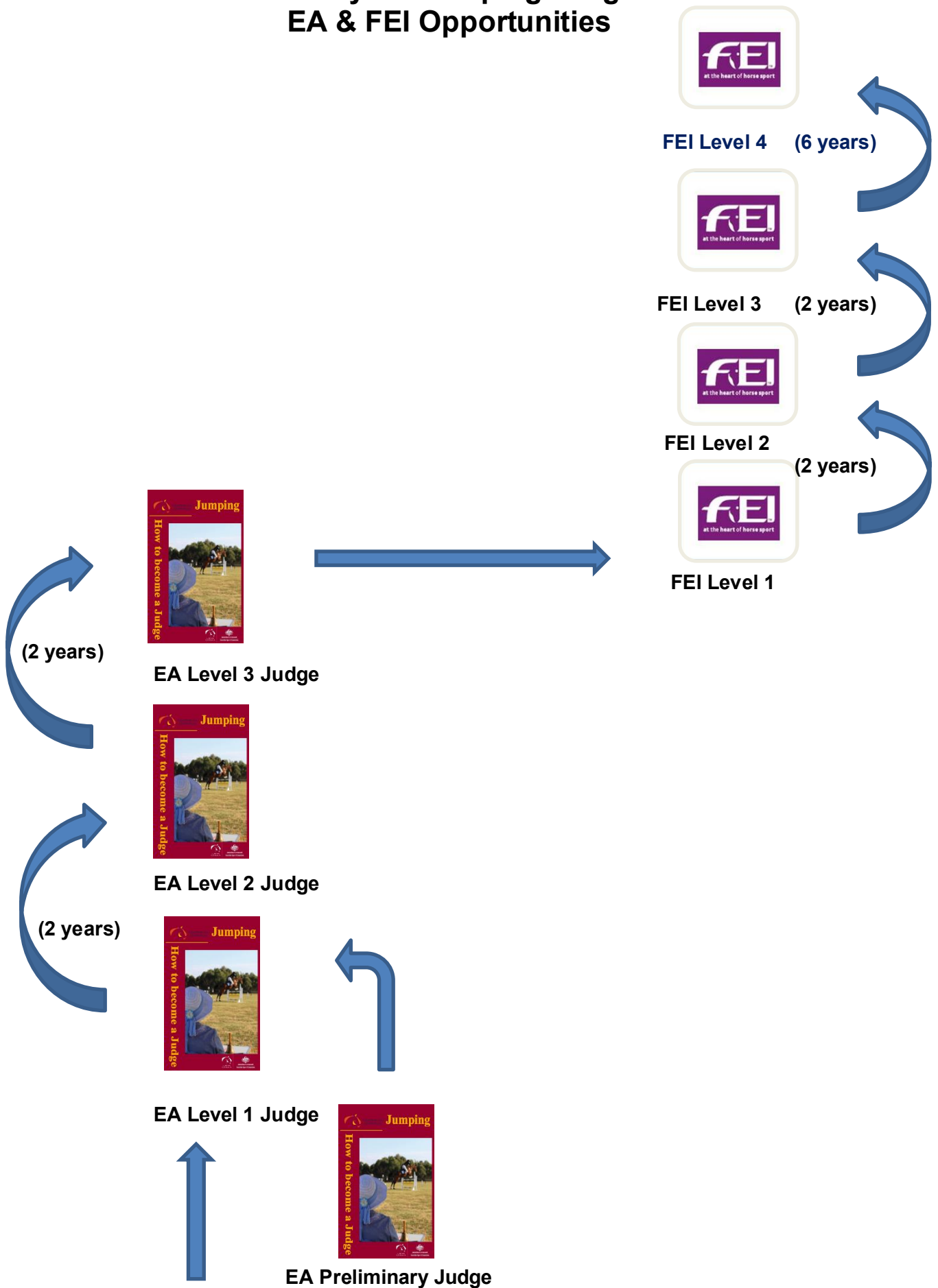
To become an EA Level 2 Judge, you must:

- be at least 18 years of age
- be a current financial EA member with your State Branch and, if residing in NSW, a current financial member of Jumping NSW.
- attend an EA approved Level 2 Jumping Judge course in the previous three years
- at course complete theory exam with a pass mark of 80%
- endorsed by two EA Judges Level 3 or higher with two attached written references
- meet the practical experience requirements outlined in Accreditation Requirements Chart
- submit the appropriate application and Record of Experiences forms in this booklet to officials@equestrian.org.au

To become an EA Level 3 Judge, you must:

- be at least 18 years of age
- be a current financial EA member with your State Branch and, if residing in NSW, a current financial member of Jumping NSW.
- attend an EA Level 3 approved Jumping Judge course in the previous three years
- at L3 Judge course complete a short interview and current Jumping Judge open rule book test with a pass mark of 80%
- attend an EA approved Jumping Course Designers course in the previous three years
- attend an EA/FEI Jumping Steward course in the previous three years
- endorsed by two FEI Judges Level 2 or higher with two attached written references
- meet the practical experience requirements outlined in Accreditation Requirements Chart
- submit the appropriate application and Record of Experiences forms in this booklet to officials@equestrian.org.au

Pathway for Jumping Judges EA & FEI Opportunities



WHAT MAKES A GOOD OFFICIAL?

As an official you have to be highly organised and professional. You have to be able to focus, make decisions quickly and firmly, be confident of the training you have received and the knowledge and experience you have acquired as a judge. You must possess diplomacy, tact, common sense and preferably a sense of humour. You have to be able to recognise and acknowledge mistakes you may make whilst officiating and also be able to diffuse a volatile situation.

You are part of a team and if you are the chief judge, you lead that team. You must be approachable and be able to liaise well with the Course Designer and also the Organising Committee, other officials and riders.

As a Judge you must **be consistent and fair and have a thorough knowledge of Jumping rules and their application.**

It is important for officials to be:

- Physically fit
- Be able to be consistent and fair from the beginning to the end of the competition
- Mentally alert and able to concentrate for long periods of time

The official must have a thorough knowledge of jumping theory as well as practical jumping training.

Requirements to attain and maintain Jumping Judge accreditation

Judge Level	Initial Requirements	Theory Requirements	Practical Requirements	To Maintain Accreditation
FEI Level 2 - 4	Refer to FEI Education requirements			
FEI Level 1	Candidates must be a current EA Level 3 Judge (must have passed EA L3 course since 2016) to be put forward by NF to the FEI to meet extra requirements under the FEI Equivalency system			
Level 3 National	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current EA Member • Hold a current WWCC or equivalent • Be a currently registered EA Level 2 Jumping Judge for minimum 2 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend an EA Level 3 Judges Course in the previous three years • At Clinic pass theory exam 80% • Attend an EA/FEI Jumping Course Designer Course in the previous three years • Attend ad EA/FEI Steward course in the previous 3 years • Endorsed* by two Judges of FEI Level 2 or higher with written references 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officiated as a Level 2 Judge at a minimum of six EA events in the previous two years; • Worked as an assistant at two separate EA/FEI events with two different FEI Level 2 Judges or higher, in the previous two years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend and pass EA Judges Refresher Course once every three years • Officiate at minimum of 3 EA events in the past 3 years • Meet reaccreditation requirements set by EA
Level 2 National	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current EA Member • Hold a current WWCC or equivalent • Be a currently registered EA Level 1 Jumping Judge for minimum 2 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend an EA Level 2 Judges Course in the previous three years • At the clinic pass theory exam 80% • Endorsed* by two Judges of EA Level 3 or higher with written references 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officiated as a Level 1 Judge at a minimum of six EA events in the previous two years • Worked as an assistant on two separate EA/FEI events (one of which must be of at least two days duration) with two different Level 3 or higher Judges previous 2 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend an EA Judges Refresher Course once every three years • Officiate at minimum of 3 EA events in the past 3 years • Meet reaccreditation requirements set by EA
Level 1 National	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current EA Member • Be at least 18 years • Hold current WWCC or equivalent • Preliminary Judge (optional) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend EA Level 1 Judges Course over two days in the previous three years • Pass EA Jumping Judge ORBT with 85% • Endorsed* by two Judges of EA Level 2 or higher with written references • Complete ASC Community Officiating Essential Skills Course 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competed in six shows annually for the last four years <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisted as a Judge on at least four occasions in previous 2 years with a EA Level 2 or higher Judge at EA or FEI Show Jumping events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend an EA Judges Refresher Course once every three years • Officiate at minimum of 3 EA events in the past 3 years • Meet reaccreditation requirements set by EA
Preliminary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EA Member • Be at least 18 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NA



EA JUMPING JUDGE APPLICATION FORM FOR PRELIMINARY LEVEL



This form is to be sent directly to the relevant State branch Jumping Committee who will forward a copy to the National office. (see contacts on last page of this booklet)

Current Financial EA Member Number:

Please provide the following details to Equestrian Australia for your accreditation:

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Suburb: _____ State: _____ Post Code: _____

Mobile: _____

E-Mail: _____

Don't forget to sign & submit the Declaration form on page 11



Record of Judging/Course Designing/Stewarding Experiences for Equestrian Australia Accreditation

Name: Address:.....

Current EA Judges Level: Email:

Mobile: Page:.....

Date	Event	Duties	Comments	Name, Signature & Phone contact of overseeing Judge, CD or Steward
			
			
			
			
			
			

Use additional forms as needed. These forms are to be forwarded with application form requesting EA accreditation upgrade. Refer to the EA National Jumping Rules for more information.



EA JUMPING JUDGE APPLICATION FORM FOR EA LEVEL 1 ACCREDITATION



This form is to be sent directly to the EA National Office for verification with your attached summary sheet/s of practical Record of Experience judging and references

Applications can take up to 4 weeks to process

Name:		EA Member Number:	
Verification Form		Mentor/SJC Signature	
Attend EA L1 Jumping Judges Course	Date: Location:	Attach Attendance Certificate	
Complete Open Rule Book Test Pass Mark of 85% at L1 course	Date:		
	Result:		
Complete the ASC Community Officiating Essential Skills Course	Attach Certificate		
Endorsed by two EA Level 2 (or higher level) Judges	Judge 1:	Attach Endorsement	
	Judge 2:	Attach Endorsement	
Practical Experience (completed in previous 2 years)		Venue and Date of Event	
Competitor - 6 x EA/FEI shows per year for the preceding four years	Attach Results		
OR			
Assistant to an EA Level 2 (or higher level) Judge 4 x EA/FEI Competitions	Judge: Date: Location:	Judge: Date: Location:	Attach Record of Experience
	Judge: Date: Location:	Judge: Date: Location:	
Please make sure all requirements have been met and all documentation supplied and submitted with application			

NOTE: Shaded boxes are for Office/Mentor/ Use Only to help provide check list

Please provide the following details so Equestrian Australia can provide your accreditation:

Please note some contact information will show in online Officials search, please advise if you do not wish for this to happen

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Suburb: _____ State: _____ Post Code: _____

Mobile: _____ E-Mail: _____

Don't forget to sign & submit the Declaration form on page 11 & 12



EA JUMPING JUDGE APPLICATION FORM FOR EA LEVEL 2 ACCREDITATION



This form is to be sent directly to the EA National Office for verification with your attached summary sheet/s of practical Record of Experience judging and references Applications can take up to 4 weeks to process			
Name:		EA Member Number:	
Verification Form			Mentor/SJC Signature
Registered EA Level 1 Jumping Judge minimum of 2 years	Date Obtained:	Attach Certificate	
Attend EA L2 Jumping Judges Course (in previous 3 years)	Date: Location:	Attach Attendance Certificate	
Theory Exam pass mark 80% (Completed at the Judges Course attended)	Date: Result:		
Endorsed by two EA Level 3 (or higher level) Judges	Judge 1:	Attach Endorsement	
	Judge 2:	Attach Endorsement	
Practical Experience (completed in previous 2 years)			Signature
Officiated as an EA Level 1 Judge 6 x EA Competitions	Date: Location:	Date: Location:	Attach Record of Experience
	Date: Location:	Date: Location:	
	Date: Location:	Date: Location:	
Assistant with two different EA Level 3 (or higher level) Judges 2 x EA/FEI Competitions (one must be over 2 days)	Judge: Date: Location:	Attach Record of Experience	
	Judge: Date: Location:	Attach Record of Experience	
Please make sure all requirements have been met and all documentation supplied and submitted with application			

NOTE: Shaded boxes are for Office/Mentor Use Only to help provide check list

Please provide the following details so Equestrian Australia can provide your accreditation:

Please note some contact information will show in online Officials search. Please advise if you do not wish for this to happen

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Suburb: _____ State: _____ Post Code: _____

Mobile: _____

E-Mail: _____



EA JUMPING JUDGE APPLICATION FORM EA LEVEL 3 ACCREDITATION



This form is to be sent directly to the EA National Office for verification with your attached summary sheet/s of practical Record of Experience judging and references
Successful applications are forwarded by the State to the National Office to be forwarded to EAJC for approval.

Applications can take up to 6 weeks to process

Name		EA Member Number:	
Verification Form		Mentor/Staff	Signature
Registered EA Level 2 Jumping Judge minimum of 2 years	Date Obtained:	Attach Certificate	
Attend EA L3 Jumping Judges Course (in previous 3 years)	Date: Location:	Attach Attendance Certificate	
Theory Exam 80% pass mark (Completed at the L3 Judges Course attended)	Date: Results		
Attend EA/FEI Jumping Course Designers Course (in previous 3 years)	Date: Location:	Attach Attendance Certificate	
Attend EA/FEI Stewards Course (in previous 3 years)	Date: Location:	Attach Attendance Certificate	
Endorsed by two FEI Level 2 Judges or higher	Judge 1:	Attach Endorsement	
	Judge 2:	Attach Endorsement	
Practical Experience (completed in previous 2 years)			
Officiated as an EA Level 2 Judge 6 x EA Competitions	Date: Location:	Date: Location:	Attach Record of Experience
	Date: Location:	Date: Location:	
	Date: Location:	Date: Location:	
Assistant with two different FEI Level 2 (or higher level) Judges 2 x EA/FEI Competitions	Judge: Date: Location:	Attach Record of Experience	
	Judge: Date: Location:	Attach Record of Experience	
Please make sure all requirements have been met and all documentation supplied and submitted with application			

NOTE: Shaded boxes are for Office/Mentor Use Only

Please provide the following details so Equestrian Australia can provide your accreditation:

Please note some contact information will show in online Officials search. Please advise if you do not wish for this to happen

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Suburb: _____ State: _____ Post Code: _____

Mobile: _____

E-Mail: _____

Application form Page 2

Your EA membership must be current and all pages of the application form and supporting documents received by the State Jumping Committee before your EA Official registration can be processed.

Your Declaration

Equestrian Australia Limited (EA) is the Australian national sports organisation for the sport of equestrianism, in each of its specific disciplines and variations (together, the **Sport**).

EA, its Branches (as defined in EA's **Constitution**), and its affiliated organisations each have a duty of care that is owed to their respective members, people associated with the Sport, and to the people and organisations that participate in the Sport conducted under the encouragement, promotion, organisation, administration and control of EA and its Branches and affiliated organisations.

In accordance with the procedures set out in the Constitution, EA has adopted various rules, regulations, by-laws and policies (together the **EA Policies**) for the purpose of EA pursuing its objectives stated in the Constitution.

One of the EA Policies is EA's **Child Safeguarding Policy**, which commenced into force on 17 December 2021 and which is adopted by EA as part of EA's **National Integrity Framework**. Any reference in this declaration to the Child Safeguarding Policy is a reference to that document which came into force on 17 December 2023, as amended from time to time thereafter.

In accordance with its duty of care, and as required by its Child Safeguarding Policy, EA must investigate and collect information, in relation to any person who makes application for registration as an **EA Official**. EA requires the submission of this declaration as part of its investigation and information-gathering process.

A person cannot be, and will not be registered as an EA Official, unless the person is a current Member of EA.

Any person who is a current EA Member, and who wishes to be registered by EA as an EA Official **must** make and complete the following declaration, in addition to the other requirements set out in the EA Policies governing the registration of EA Officials.

NOTE: Any declaration submitted by any person, which is purported to be made by a person with any mark, deletion, addition to, obliteration of, or amendment to any of the below paragraphs [1] to [13] shall be deemed by EA to be a declaration which is void ab initio for all purposes. In any event or circumstances where a person cannot truthfully make the declaration in the format required by this document, the person must contact EA's Integrity Unit to further discuss the matter.

I solemnly and sincerely declare that each of the following statements is true and factual as at the date that this Officials Declaration is dated and made by me:

1. I meet all of the requirements in relation to state and territory-specific legislation regarding police checks and working with children checks, and I hold a valid working with children check or equivalent in the state/territory I reside. I have **attached** evidence as required.
2. There are no criminal charges that have been laid against me in any jurisdiction in Australia or elsewhere, which are pending or which are yet to be determined and finalised.
3. I have never, in any jurisdiction in Australia or elsewhere, been convicted of any criminal offence.
4. Further to the generality of paragraph [3] above, I have never, in any jurisdiction in Australia or elsewhere, been **charged with or convicted of** any criminal offence involving illegal or illicit substances; violence; stalking; intimidation; dishonesty; sexual violence; any criminal offence involving sexual activity or actions of indecency; child abuse; child pornography; or mistreatment or neglect of a child.
5. I have never had any disciplinary or similar proceedings brought against me by any employer, former employer, sporting organisation or similar body, involving child abuse; sexual misconduct; sexual harassment (which for the avoidance of doubt has the same meaning as given to the term by EA's **Member Protection Policy**, where the term **sexual harassment** is defined to mean and include conduct which is any unwanted or unwelcome sexual behaviour, where a reasonable person would anticipate the possibility that the person being harassed would feel offended, humiliated or intimidated); harassment; acts of violence; intimidation; bullying or other similar forms of harassment.
6. I have never been sanctioned for an **Anti-Doping Rule Violation** (within the meaning given to that term by the **World Anti-Doping Code**) within the Sport, or any other sport.
7. I have never participated in, facilitated or encouraged any practice, behaviour or conduct prohibited by the World Anti-Doping Code or any other anti-doping policy or similar policy applicable to me, including the EA **Anti-Doping Policy** and the **FEI Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Rules** adopted by EA and amended from time to time.

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8. I have never been sanctioned for any breach of the FEI Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Rules or any other rules in force in any sport in Australia or elsewhere, relating to animal doping or the medication of and control of medication given to animals.
9. I have never, in any jurisdiction in Australia or elsewhere, been charged with or convicted of any criminal, disciplinary, sporting or animal racing-related offence relating to animal cruelty, whether in relation to a horse or any other animal or creature.
10. To the best of my knowledge after due inquiry, there are no other facts, matters or circumstances relevant to me, that EA (if it were aware of those facts, matters and circumstances) may reasonably consider to constitute a risk to, its Branches' and its affiliated organisations' respective members, people associated with the Sport, and to the people and organisations that participate in the Sport under the encouragement, promotion, organisation, administration and control of EA and its Branches and affiliated organisations.
11. I will immediately notify the chief executive officer of EA and each Branch(es) and affiliated organisation(s) engaging me, upon me becoming aware of any facts, matters or circumstances meaning that any of the matters declared by me and set out in clauses [1] to [10] above (inclusive) have changed for whatever reason, so that the declaration made by me is no longer true and correct either wholly or to any extent.
12. I acknowledge that I have read and agree to abide by the EA **Code of Conduct for Officials**. I acknowledge I may be subject to disciplinary action if I breach the code. (Code of Conduct is available to view via www.equestrian.org.au).
13. I acknowledge and agree that by signing this declaration, I am providing true and accurate information. If it is subsequently demonstrated that the information which I have provided is untrue, false, incomplete, or misleading either wholly or to whatever extent, then I acknowledge and accept that I may be subject to sanction under the EA Policies.

WWCC/Blue Card Number:

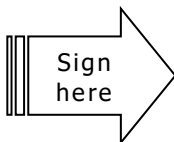
Expiry Date:

Please attach copy of WWCC/Blue Card if not already provided.

NAME : _____

SIGNED : _____

DATE : _____



Please return a copy of these forms to the Equestrian Australia for Official to be accredited and database updated.

Pathways Manager – Officials

Email (preferred) : officials@equestrian.org.au

Equestrian Australia

PO Box 673, SYDNEY MARKETS, NSW 2129

NOTE: Applications that are incomplete and do not have all additional paperwork will not be accepted and returned to the state. Applications can take up to 4 weeks to be processed

CONTACT AND REFERENCE INFORMATION

These are available from the EA National Office, the EA and the FEI websites.

Rules

EA Jumping Rules page

- www.equestrian.org.au/jumping-rules

EA World Cup Jumping page

- www.equestrian.org.au/jumping

FEI Jumping Rules page

www.inside.fei.org/fei/disc/jumping/rules

General Information

- Equestrian Australia is the National Federation (NF) for National and International Competitions in Australia, the High Performance Management, funding, National Rules, Policies, Education/Training and Promotion of the Sport. See the website for more information. www.equestrian.org.au
- The (Government) Australian Sports Commission (ASC) authorises and funds Australian Sport.
- EA Branches are responsible for Registrations, Affiliated Clubs and Schools programmes.

Reference points

- EA National www.equestrian.org.au
- Official list: on EA website www.equestrian.org.au/members/search/official. It can be further filtered by Level and State.
- FEI - www.fei.org
- FEI Jumping Officials www.inside.fei.org/fei/your-role/officials/jumping
- Certificate – issued by National Office
- Code of Conduct **for the Welfare of the Horse**
- Code of Conduct for Officials



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	Jumping NSW Postal Address: PO Box 118 Camden NSW 2570 Tel: 02 9620 2660	State Jumping Committee Chair	
		State Branch Contact info@ensw.org.au	
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